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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Student demonstration - St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota

At 1130 hours this date, [redacted], Recruitment Officer in the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakotas area, called Chief, Recruitment Division to report the following:

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[redacted] had just completed his third interview of the day at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota. The third applicant had inquired of [redacted] whether he had seen any "anti-CIA" posters when he arrived on campus. He had not and so stated. According to the applicant, there had been such posters at certain locations but that they had been removed. [redacted] was not able to establish whether they had been removed by the Administration or by other students.

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At 1245 (1145 Central Time), [redacted] called to report that 3 to 4 students, identifying themselves as members of the Students for Democratic Society, were distributing handbills derogatory to the Agency within a few feet of his interview area. He reported that St. John's U. had very limited facilities for placement interviews and that he was interviewing in what was actually a screened-off corner of a small auditorium. The protesting students were stationed within earshot of his interviews.

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[redacted] informed us that he had been approached by one of the protesting students who inquired if [redacted] would be willing to address their organization following the completion of his last scheduled interview at approximately 1630 (Central Time).

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[redacted] requested permission to accept the speaking invitation - but only to inform the SDS students that if they had questions regarding policies of the Agency, they should be addressed to the Special Assistant to the Director for Public Information. [redacted] reasoned that if he refused the invitation, the protesting students would have a four and one-half hour period in which to disrupt his interviews. On the other hand, if he accepted the invitation, they would be less likely to harrass him during his afternoon interviews.

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This was discussed by the undersigned with the Director of Personnel and the Executive Officer/Personnel who agreed with [redacted] rationale. [redacted] was so informed.

At 1745, [REDACTED] called to report that he had met with 5 SDS members, (apparently most of the membership of the SDS Chapter at St. John's U.). He informed them that he was prepared to discuss employment opportunities with any who were interested but that if they had any questions regarding Agency policy or Agency involvement as reported in the press, they should contact the Special Assistant to the Director for Public Information. [REDACTED] said that he parried a few questions on Agency attrition and the impact of the Rampart story with "No comment." The SDS members, [REDACTED] said, were disappointed, but not hostile. They left quietly.

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[REDACTED] further reported that as a result of his expression of willingness to address the group, his afternoon interviews were conducted in a less harrassed manner. The protesting students continued to hand out their literature, but moved several feet away from [REDACTED] interview space.

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Copies of this report have been furnished to the Special Assistant to the Director for Public Information, the Director of Security, the Director of Personnel, and the Deputy Director of Personnel for Recruitment and Placement.

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Deputy Chief, Recruitment Division

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